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Genl O E Babcock

Private

Jan^y 12th 1867.

Called with Gen Grant and
others of staff on the President's
Act of War - Gen went direct to
the Executive Mansion - as
Gen Townsend had assumed to
order all office to the War Dept
- not "by order" of the Sec of War
Grant. Went with Bodine to
make a number of calls.
some lighty in all. The day
was pleasant and passed
very pleasantly. Mrs Lane Whitman
at ~~Wilmington~~ our house with
Mr Porter and Annie. I was
too tired to attend the parties
to which I was invited.
I could find no cold of
any account - A pleasant
day. Porter still away.
Mr P. some alarmed.

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Jan'y 6th 67.

Attended Church with Annie,
Went to Dr. Sunderlands and was
much pleased. Mr & Mrs. Hockbume
dined with us No news -
Health fine -

Jan'y 7th 67.

About the office on duty all
day or until afternoon.
Nothing very new. The
President's veto on Negro suffrage
Bic
sent in.

Went to Cox at 6.30 P.M.
Sleeping car very unpleasant.
Met Albano in train.
Health good.

Jan 8th 67.
Rushed N.Y. 5 AM. Went to
5th Avenue Hotel - went to Prides
room. Left tier 9 AM. Went to
Breakfast at Saml Barlows - a
splendid breakfast - Mrs Bar-
pleasant. Nice house. Went to
examination - 12 M. Met Wilson M,
Eml Bornsot Gilman Newton - all
very polite - The examination lasted
some 30 minutes - I answered
some of the questions and mis-
some of them - Did not do as well
as I hoped to do, but have no doubt about
the matter - wrote to Annie - Pride
told me about the minor infra. all agree
we had figured it - Had a talk with
Gilman on Iron & Iron works all looks well
dinner with Bodow. nice time nice
dinner and wine - Called on Blodgett
and Dueser - Attended Mallocke a
nice time. Perry "OURS" nice chat
with Barlow and Pride - Saw
many old books & things -

Jan 9th 67.
Breakfast at 5th Avenue Hotel with
Pride - Saw Miss Little Beach.
Pleasant. Started down town
10 AM - Went to Bodow's. Saw Litzel^{2d}
Painting of Grant. Very poor indeed.
Went along down to Engineer
Agency. Saw Nic Brown - nice
long chat - Met Butterfield and
Dr Goodrich - Went through
Marble Lane. Bowery. 5 Points
& up to Canal Street - Purchased
hat to suit Annie. Had a rather
dull quiet day. Glad to get a
dinner at Delmonicos - and
to take the 7 o'clock train for Brooklyn.
Got a sleeping berth - Some excitement
in N.Y. on the Impeachment question.
It is said Ashley was paid \$1000.⁰⁰
to introduce the resolution - Of
course this cannot be proven - well.
Pleasant night in sleeping car.
Met an old friend Miller - a friend of
Dr Goodrich

Jan'y 15th 67.

Reached Washington 6. AM.
Night fall of snow - Glad to
return. No news. Party at
Mrs Grants splendid - At Office
all day. Mr Mc Marshall
Artist arrived to paint and
engrave a likeness of Genl
Grant - Pleasant man -
Genl Salyer - sent to Mr Porter
and Babcock a box at the
House. He attended - In Dravels
Kelley & Bonconi - Went behind the
scenes and saw Miss Kellogg -
She is being spoiled - will not
last much longer I expect -
No news at the office.
Called the attention ^{of the Secy} to the
order to Sherman to investi-
gate for Phil Kearney. Note to
Am't Barlow on Bonolo's case
Long I could not change it

Jan'y 11th 67.

At the Office as usual. No
news - But little business.
Bodeau sick. I attended
to the Genl's mail -

Called on Genl Hornie and
wife - Genl Schofield - Paul
Forbes, Spaulding, Genl Salyer,
J. A. Genl Rodman, Lost
my cane. Weather very
good indeed -

Mr Marshall made prepa-
rations for painting

Saturday Jan 12th 67.

At the office as usual - a number of people in on duty.

Went calling on Mr Frost and Mrs Hallacker both places had fine receptions - Mrs Frost's house I felt - Mr Hallacker's house the finest in the City - The nicest dining room I ever saw. Col Frost showed me a dispatch from Phil Sheridan. which he had intercepted - It was from Napoleon to the Emperor (?) not to force the Emperor to abdicate - but send away all the troops that wish to come.

Col Redman dined with us. He is a very pleasant gentleman - Jones Cassie Scott with Redman Scott came to see us - passed a pleasant evening

Sunday Jan 13th 67

Snow storm - Snow about 3 inches - Went to office - Col came down - Report of Cholera among troops, on the Isthmus of Nicaragua 27 men dead one Officer Major Gamble. a shame to send men there. Did not attend Church - All quiet at the house - No other news -

Baden still under the weather

Monday Jan 14th 1867.

Snow Fall on the ground still

Attended Gul Wheatons wedding
3rd wife - Miss Miller - Gul Morris

Miller daughter - fine wedding
nice evening presents -

Went to the Dentists - with Mrs

Dabcock. Received letter from
Gul Shepotnick - his brotherlaw has
left the Metropolitan Hotel.

Mr Marshall gave me a proof
sheet of his Engraving of Mr Lincoln.
President Abraham Lincoln.

Attended the Theatre saw the Long
Shake - a fine thing - returned at
11 P.M. very pleasant.

No Gul News - Improvement still
the prividing subject in Congress -
Hewitts good.

Tuesday Jan 15th 1867.

At work as usual. Made no
calls or visits of any kind.
A number of people at the office
among them Horns and Ous.
Jones tacked a long time with
us on the H.R.R. of Chicago and
seems to think it will pay at
least 10 per cent this year.

I also decided to go into a
speculation with Calmore & others
to the amt of \$1000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀. In an
Iron Manufacturing. Jones & Merrick
dined with us. Nice dinner -

Attended the party at Carrolls in
the evening - A splendid affair.

Many nice people. Gul Grant.
Senator Sherman, Anthony, Morgan
&c and many foreigners -
In news - Vereth fine

Wednesday Jan 18th
At the office - No news -
Went to call on Genl
Baine - & Genl Schler.
Went to a dinner party
at Mr Kennedy's - a nice
luncheon. Genl Barnes, Schofield,
Dyer, & Col Morris present.
Returned 11 P.M. -
No news in Congress.
Weather fine - Cold still very
intense.

Thursday Jan 17th 67.
A bitter bitter cold day.
Made one call at Mrs
Thunberg's - Worked on the
poor question - getting up
(with Porter) statistics for Genl
Sickles. Did not go to see
Mr Johnson President.
Too cold for Annie to go.
Went down the talk^{with Sickles} for the
poor question. He thinks we
should ask for 33 per cent.
- No news in Congress.
Mr Hooper Delegate from Utah
and Russ Jones up to see us
Nice long chat. Mine still
high as blue birds.

Friday Jan'y 18th - 1867.

At office and at work as usual - Nothing new. At the pay business with Porter. Gave Forsyth from N.O. in the office. Received the 2000,00⁰⁰ and paid Jones for my RR stock. Put 100 bond 10,40 - to secure Mr Huntington, Put the money at 6 per cent. -

Called in evening on Mrs. ~~Cornell~~, Mr. Robt. Bay and Mr. Miller - Mr. Porter sick - Merrill Forsyth & Baird called at the house.

I did not go down - No news - Thomas Sheridan to come here - Fire at the White House. The Observatory burned down -

Saturday Jan'y 19th

At office all the morning. No news. No letter from home. Wrote to Genl. Hordain and to Keuffe. - Called on Mrs. ~~Cornell~~ and Harlowe, with Annie and Cassie Scott. Nice time. Cassie took dinner with ~~us~~ and had a nice quiet dinner. Gave Lickie still hopeful on the pay bill.

Sunday Jan'y 2nd.

Went to office - No mail -
Attended Church with Ann,
Dined at Gal Grout's. Gal Chittin
& wife Mr Washburne & wife Ann
and myself - a nice dinner
and a nice time.

A severe snow storm commenced
about 3. PM. and 9. PM was
a rain.

Monday Jan'y 3rd.

Stuffed all the morning
No particular news Jones &
Washburne leave at 6.30 PM.

Saw Jones. Had a note from
Mr Washburne. Received a letter
from Dr. in N.Y. - Did not
draw the Opera House.

Attended the Theatre. Porter had
a private Box. Complimentary.
Ooooo. a good thing.

Wrote to Dr. Sent by Washburne
for a shawl and some gloves,
for Ann -

Health good - Snow still deep
and cold enough to keep it -

Tuesday, July 22nd.

At office as usual. No news. Congress very much mixed. No letter from

Jones, or Washburne - Rumor of Gen. TOWNSEND being selected a mistake - The President objects to returning him. Count Schotvol called on me. Had letter from Mr. W. Lloyd Garrison. Saw that I have not drawn the Opera house -

Gen. Baird and Gen. Forester at dinner with us, also. Cousin Cassie. Nice time -

Attended the party at Gen. Hunter's a nice time. Did not return until 10 pm - Nothing fine - Health good.

Wednesday, July 23rd.

Worked again on the pay question for Sickles - San L. reports good progress. - No particular news in the City -

Called on Count de Chabrol and Laborer, - also Prof. Bonelli & Davier - Attended the reception of Mrs Grant. Not less than 1000 people present. I was disgusted and more. Took Cassie both with us - a great many fine people there - and many that are common. Health good.

January 24th 1867.

Attended to business about
the Office as usual.

No news of any kind
Letter from Dr. He cannot well
let me have the money.

Also one from Carmie. The
bridge still fine but 1/2 on last
quarter - Not as good as usual.

Dr. sent me Gracie's letter to him
a master piece of childsworld.

Letter also from Corp. Comp-
bell - Annie home from home
all well. Write to Anderson -

Attended two parties - One at Sect
of Mrs - a fine party. One at
Mr Albert Roy's. a charming
party. Reached home 2 am.

Health good -

January 25th 1867.

Did usual Office business - Received
a letter from Dr. Called on Carl
Thomas & Sue Wood. Walked down
to Groets. Got a crystal put into
my watch -

Ladies had a fine reception
75 calls - Mrs Washburne
came to play with us - She
attended the Theatre with Mr
J. McKeay - Nelson still with
us he is splendid company.
I intend early.

No news -

Saturday July 26th. 1867.
Attended to business as usual.
No news. Wilson introduced a
motion bill for increase of the
pay proper &c. as usual -
Wilson with us. I did not
attend the Meeting with Wilson
and Porter. A great many
people in the office -

Mrs Washburne left us in
the evening - Sorry she
did not remain.

Borden left for W.A. to
attend to his book.
Health good. -

Sunday July 27th 1867.
Came to the office. No letters.
Attended Church with Annie.
Prof Bortell U.S.M. Prof Davis
Chas Schofield and J Woods.
Called at the house to see
the ladies as well as our-
selves.

Met calling ^{with Porter} on Sat -
Boddy off. Then called on Hooper
the ~~W.A.~~ ^{Delegate}. J. McKee.
Angell & McSmith.

Considerable talk on the Army
bill - all most all displeased -
- that is all the staff officers -
Health good - Very cool night
Dinner party - at Chas Emmit's.
Wilson attended.

Monday Jan'y 28th

No general news. Congress
still at work at Imperchment.
Mr Johnson introduced the
Colorado Bill (- or I believe it)
a very proper measure I
think. Met with the ladies
to call on the ladies at the
White House, -

No news from any place.
Wrote to Dr. & Carrie - also
George Campbell. All ^{army} people discuss-
ing the Army Bill - all staff
officers disgusted with it

Drew my pay for Jan'y 22⁹. 26.

Tuesday Jan'y 29th 1867.

Letter from Whittier in Idaho.
or rather Wash Ter. Also one from
Wington. No news in Congress.
- Miss Levi did not arrive.
Dined in the City - dined
with us - Nelson left on the
8 o'clock train.

Concluded to go into the
Iron speculation with Porter
and others. Received a letter
from Dr Mc Dougall on the
liquor question -

Health good - Mr Kennedy
(James.) offered Paul Wilson a bride.

January 30th 1867.

Worked about the office as usual. A number of people in to see us -

Attended the big party at Senator Morgan's in the evening. A splendid party it was - The nicest I have attended in W. More nice dresses, and beautiful women.

Made a payment on the Iron Speculation of \$100 - Subscribed for \$1000 ^{on} - Wrote to McCormick a few days since asking him to go in with me.

Scanned with Porter of Hon B Fox of Baltimore - A fine thing it is - Hewitt fine.

Jan'y 31st & Last.

No news at the office.

A few things turned up. I was much disgusted to learn that Sobolowski had not quit drinking and was again in trouble.

Indian Affairs transferred by the House of Reps - I wrote to Mr. Frank & Anderson -

Ship Jones & Co of Skinner and Lee Butte arrived about 7 P.M.

Glad to see them I'm very tired. My health good.

No new speculation - A warm pleasant day.

February 1st 1867.
Slowly at work at office.
A clear beautiful day.
Ladies in to see us again.
Not much progress. Men as
weak as ever. Walked down as
far as Falls.

Called on Gen. Upham & Agnes
Rose City. Ladies at house have
a number of calls - and had
a nice time.

Gen. Thomas. Gen. Wither Lee Kellogg
at dinner with us a
nice time -

Miss Linn Jones went down to
Hay with Gent. James let
her horse run off with him
and smashed up the carriage.

Saturday Feb 2nd 1867.
Raining here day. Office work
about as usual. A number
of people in. Not much news.
Bedeon still away.
Senator Wilson said he would
introduce the flog bill so as to cover
all grades at 5 cents a rotund
but I do not believe them at
all. Rained so hard I did
not go down town - Nor did I
go out in the evening.
Did not go to Gen. Grant.
Health good. Wrote to Dr.
and to Whittier. Paid some
old bills. Ordered the liquor
and wines from Phil.
Received a letter from Dr. Blodgett
Paris France. about the men and
a Love Heart Printe Love. sent
by that boy. Love sent to Lincoln.

Sunday Feb 3rd —

No mail except from Aunt
Pickers — Attended Church with
Annie. Mr. P. quite ill — with
a severe cold.

No one but Col Butler and
Grace at dinner with us —
Went to Millers and called
on Col May. Found him out
Saw Brislin — Went up to the
stable saw M. Looking very
fine. I think Blodgett will
lose the Silver Bowl. For I think
M. can trot in 2:40.

Called on Mr Wm Marshall 50 P.M.
In evening went with ^{Annie} to Aunt
Perris. Levi quite well.
Beautiful spring day.

Monday Feb 4th 1867.

At Office as usual. Received
the Lacy Shawl from Paris for
Annie — at the house of Col
May. No particular news.
Aunt Sheriden arrived in the
City. Made a call on
Mrs Washburne at Mr Robbins.
Wish she is to leave the City
so soon. Being evening.
Now disappointing fast —
Wish the rest of the Mass Bill.
Health good —

Tuesday Feb 5th
Nothing in particular new.
I called on Dickers but found
him out - No news at Hobbs,
Wilson failed to do as he
promised on the fore question
Received my Insurance Claim
from D^r Hammetton - and I forwarded
the same to Parrott.

A number of people in at
the house in the evening
Health good.
Baylor took a

Wednesday Feb 5th 1867.
A good number of officers in
the office. Hoofield, Minlon,
Ayres &c. - Went down to Milons
and called on J^r Jewett, & Mr. Whitmore,
Met Mr. Kilmer & Blood. Took
a bottle of fine wine.
Went to the Court with Annie
and Lin. Not much pleasure on
account of crowd and my
mood disposition returned 1.40 PM.
No news from home, a nice
letter from Mr Campbell. I
called on Mr Jewett - but found
him out. Baylor took dinner
with us - nice time.

Thursday. Feb 7th 1867.

At the office all the morning
attending to work, no news -
Wrote a few letters -

Called to see Mrs McDowell,
at Lane Delafields - called at
Senator Morgan. Met Mrs Lowby
then went and bid Mrs Chittenden
good bye - gave Aunt C some letters
to friends in Salt Lake City.

Purchased curtains for Annie -
Annie quite sick but able to
dress and go to a party at
Scotts. Pleasant time - a number
of Rebs present, one a graduate of
West Point - Reached home
1:15 am, or little before.

My health splendid

Friday Feb 8th 1867.

Rained all the morning - as
hard as you often see -
A number of people in -
honoring the donation by ~~Mr Peabody~~
Mr Peabody for educational
purposes - a munificent and
magnificent thing.

Went home early - Attended
the party at Rev. Mr Johnsons.
a splendid thing - Annie not
feeling well enough to go.
The Stevens bill defeated on
the previous question last, so
it is open for discussion -

Saturday Feb 9th 1867.

Rainy bad day. Went down the street for exercise - Got wine for dinner. No news. A nice dinner. Cured Sheridan Dym. Forsyth, Ellet. Miss M^cConkle. Miss Minnie. Miss Kizzie. Mrs Smith. Col Bodion returned - a nice time. Mrs L. a gay lady. Did not go out to Mountons - too late and too cold -

Got some money from Abner. Health good -

Col Butler left for home. on for Luzerne. N.Y.

Sunday Feb 10th 67.

Clear Cold morning. Went to the office - one letter from Keuff. about the cane, which is made of Crab tree wood - and delivered by Mr Pattenhouse. Attended Church with Annie. Good sermon. Remained in the house all the rest of the day. Wind blew and cold all day. -

Bodion attended a reception at Mrs Sumners. all the nice people present. That is all the foreign people.

Health good -

Monday Feb 11th 1867.

At the office as usual.

Came in but a few minutes
Went to Barber with Porter,
who was taken with a chill
and went home to bed.

Did not go out in the evening.

Parker notified that he was
to go to Ft Phil Kearny, does not
like the idea - especially to go
under the circumstances -

No news in Congress.

Wrote to Mr Campbell. and to
Blinn's (2).

Health good. Day clear and
cool. Saw too lazy to be of
any use.

Tuesday Feb 12th 1867.

Spent at the office but a few
minutes morning. a "boxing" visit
from Mr J. Walker. Miss W. not
with him. -

Had my horse out and
made a number of calls. Went to
Scotts to take Lin out but she
could not go. No news in print
or Congress. Except Mr Wilson's bill
to increase the pay of Army Coupled with
so many things that it must be
lost. Attended party at Major Wallcut's
- a splendid party. nice, very nice
people. Miss Skinner wished to stay
so we remained until 2 o'clock -
Gave Aunt Anne Thurston present and
full of fun. Very tired when I
retired. Health good.

Wednesday Feb 13th 1867.

Attended office as usual.
No particular news. No action on
Mr Wilsons bill, for pay. Porter still
sick but much better - Met
Butterfield & Vickers &c.

No party - no action in the
evening - good -

Took a nice ride in the
Laggy. Annie with me.
Roads not very good but possible
in the situation of the Rodenburg
Pike. No letter for me.
Health good - Made no calls.

Thursday Feb 14th 1867.

Dr Valentine. and not as
Valentine. Gail remained but
a little while at office. He
gave Mr Marshall a good sitting.
Called on Corrie & Shonblond,
not in. Called Mr Speker.
Schuyler Lefox - in evening.
A large crowd of very common
people. I saw but one body that
I knew. Attended a party at
Glen Hills. a nice time. was
much disgusted at staying so
late - Not home until 2 am.
Pleasant party. Health good -
No news. No legislation for the army

Friday February 14th 1867.

Rainy bad day. At office all day. Shut in till 3:30 PM.

Attended to a number of orders, &c. Went home to R. Cannon, a few people present - enough to make a good dinner. People remained until 9 PM. Went to Sub-Millies, a beautiful reception, Annie not well enough to go. Miss Skinner went under my charge. Saw a great many nice people. Very tired when night came.

No news. Congress still at work but accomplishing but a little, no action on pay question.

Saturday Feb 16th 1867.

Rainy wet day. At office as usual. No special news. Porter better. Read Hunt's Memorial - a very meagre low document.

Went and called on Mrs Grant, Mrs Willock. Gave Mrs Butterfield. Nice time. -

Did not go out in the evening. - Plethora fine. Mr Morgan said Mr Johnson was going to change the course. I hope so. Congress very busy, as they have not much time to act.

Sunday Feb 17th 67.
Beautiful day. Went to the
office, and afterwards
attended Church with Annie.
Took a long walk with
Orter and Bodern. Went in the
evening to see people at 347. F.
They are as good rebels as
ever, very much opposed to the
bill for governing the South.
I think the rebels will have to
suffer again before they will
behave themselves —
Health good. Spirit low.

Monday Feb 18th 67.
No news at the office. The usual
amt of routine duty.
Congress fighting over the
reconstruction bill, of Shermons.
Took my walk with Orter.
Called on Mr Blanchard, at
McKens rooms. not in. Saw the
wild or blanket Indians — on
the Reserve.
Found on going home that I was
booked for a small party at
Mr Dicks. Had a nice time.
returned at 12 o'clock.
Health good — rather foggy.
but otherwise a splendid night.

Tuesday Feb 19th.

On duty at Office as usual.
No news there. Had a Talk with
Gen Grant on the Impeachment
Question, and the Evidence in
the Bollimon, Matter. Mexican
Question, and the Civil rights
bill - *Monroe & Sheridan* &c &c. also
the Case in Richmond, of *Matow* (?).

These things are generally unknown.
I hope they will remain so.
Note to Mr. Belmont and to Dr. Gordon.

Attended the party at Mrs. Roy's in
the evening - rain and snow.

Took Lin Jones - had a nice
time - returned 2 am 20th. ^{Snow} Raining all
the time.

Wednesday Feb 20th 1867.

Usual delay a duty - at the
Office, no particular news. The
Senate passed the pay bill 33 1/2 per
cent on pay proper. House passed
Reconstruction bill with Amendment.
~~Vote~~ the same. - Went down town
called on Gen. Fiske, also on
Gen. Grene, Cloy Smith, and Gen. Blunt.
A stormy mean day. Fell in a
bad spirit all day. Spent the
evening at the house.

Parker getting ready to leave for
Ft. Phil. Kearney. - Letter from
sister Emily, a nice letter.

Thursday Feb 21st 1867.

Bad stormy day. Not a very pleasant day for a wedding. Went to see Miss Molly Wright's reception or Mrs Wooten's. A very pleasant time indeed -

I felt down spirited all day. very sorry to feel so. I suppose it is my own fault. Congress at work but accomplishing but little. No news of the Reconstruction Bill. - Probably will be vetoed by Mr Johnson. No news of the fog. Eric spent the evening at home. Wrote a letter to the little girls in Coloma. also one to my father.

Friday Feb 22nd 1867.

Washington Birthday - But little if any attention paid to it.

Received letter from Mr Stenzie. Eric went to see to the appointment. Wilcox is to see me.

Annie and Miss Stenner called at the office to see us - a nice call - I returned a number of party calls. - A large number of people called on the Ladies.

Attended a little German at Eric Schenck's. a nice time.

Out of sorts all day as usual. I hope this depression will pass by. and that soon. Health good.

Saturday Feb 23rd 67.

At the Office as usual.
No particular business. Called
to see how Annie was doing.
Found her better. Went to the House
at 3 P.M. and took a sleep.
Met Genl Pickles. he says Schuch
has promised to put the bill through.
I hope he will. Dined in the
Evening with Senator Foster and
the President. Guests.

Sir Frederick Bruce. Sir Josse.

Berthemy & Bluchin Ministers.
Senors Nevil Johnson. & Anthony.
Mrs Kennedy & Hodge of Washington.
Prof Pierce of Harvard College.
Genl Dunn. Genl Cullum. Mr
Chever (lawyer from N.Y. City)
Genl Porter. Genl Bodine and
myself. Bodine came about
a half hour late - kept all
the rest waiting. And was not

sober when he arrived -
Dinner passed off very finely.
I had one end & then the other end
of the table - Bodine acted in
a disgusting way. drank although
too much. - I had Genl Dunn on
my right & Prof Pierce 1/2 on my
left. No Bodine - Had a splendid
time. Do not know as I ever enjoyed
a dinner more. Reached home
about 11.30. Took a small
boy to bed. Had a
long talk hope it did some
good. - Wrote a letter to Dr
Harrison Great Salt Lake and
to Corrie.

Sunday Feb 24th 1867.

A bright sunny morning. Went
to the office - no news. Saw that
Schuch has done as he promised,
and refused the pay bill to the
Committee. Attended Church
with Annie and Mr Porter, a
long tedious sermon, on some
Bible Societies &c &c.

Remained at home the rest of the
day. Rained in the evening.

Wrote a note to Wm Campbell.
Health good —

Monday Feb 25th 1867.

Attended to office duty until 3 P.M.
Called down at Philip Solomons.

Spent a very uncomfortable
night supposing myself bitten very
badly. Went up to Paul Grout's
to a dinner. Paul & Mrs Hunt. Paul
& Mr Foster. Paul Comstock. Col
B. deane. Annie and myself.
Walked up as Mrs P. must take
the boy - rode back with Paul
Hunt. Had a nice dinner and
a very pleasant time except I
suffered terribly with the rheum a
very tormenting thing. I was
very glad to get to my room to
get my clothes off. Drove my
pay and commutation for
February.

Tuesday Feb 26th

At the office all day. but
in a poor state of feeling.
More indications of the fever.
Took my Congress water found
no relief — Went down town.
Mr Price concluded to stay,
until Monday, to attend the
Knapp party.

No particular news. Pros-
pects of my bill good.
Schenck promises to put it
through for us. —

Went home early.

Called on Mr Foster (Senatorship)
vice call.

Sent \$100⁰⁰ to Michigan
Central Iron Co. the assessment
for Feb. 10 per cent.

Wednesday, Feb 27th 1867.

Woke up much disgusted. did
not come down to breakfast.
Throat quite sore — from swelling.
Mail sent up to me. Received
my \$100⁰⁰. Accidental Insurance

Also letter from Mr Holsey, Clerk
to Barber Shop. Uptown up to
see me, to have me go tomorrow
with Gov Leavenworth of Colorado
to testify about the roads to
Middle Park of the Rocky Mountains.
Attended the Knapp party. The finest
thing I ever saw at any private
house. Great display of flowers,
beautiful dresses. Magnificent
supper. I am very sorry Lem
did not attend — Met a great
many friends at the party — did
not leave until 2 or near some
nearly I am told until
breakfast. — Glad I went
Word of passage of my bill — good

Feb

Thursday March 21st & Sat.
At the office on time. No
news of any kind. All
glad the pay bill has passed.
Though it is but a trifle.
Went to the Capitol to give some
evidence to the Indian Bureau
for Gov Cummins with reference
to Berthoud & Vazquez Pass -
Met a number of lawyers. Oregon
State & other people. -
Called on West. & Reese. ~~Anderson~~
Abbott & Reese in to see us.
No veto message sent in yet
on the Military Bill. Senate concern
in the house amendments to
pay bill - Spent evening at
home in a very quiet way.
Not very high spirit -
He is but little better. -

Friday March 1st. 1867.
Day warm and pleasant -
None but general business matters
Reese in to see me. Walked as
far as Metropolitan. Called on
Abbott & Brewster.
Remained at home during
the evening - Did not feel
well enough to go to Harris' &
with Shadwin. - Wrote a
letter to Horner. - Health
much better.

Saturday March 2nd 67.
At the Office as usual.
No particular news. Health
good. - Raining bad day.
I did not go out to McCallough.
Called down to ^{my} Linn. Had a
nice visit very sorry she
is going home so soon.
Let Lett have \$100.00

Spent a quiet evening.
President sent us his veto
to Military Reconstruction
Bill, as came an article
as I ever saw anywhere.
Read Gov Brown's letter to
Gen Grant, that is read it
to Gen Grant. Miss Grace left
in the morning train. Got
up to see her off. She is a
nice girl.

Sunday March 3rd 1867.
Went to office - no mail for me.
Went to Church with Anna.
Walked after dinner to see Gen
& Mrs Grant. Had a nice call.
Gen did not say anything to
me about going West with them.
Called on Mrs Ch Washburne.
Met Paul & Lucette of Fort Wayne.
Went down to John Morris's
Coring house to see Morris.
Met Old Steadman playing Cards
for money. Saw Morris at dinner
a nice Institution for ^{an} M. C. -
Dined so in the evening I
could not go out. Hail Storm.

Monday, March 4th 67.
Went to the office as usual.
No news - Congress still in
session - Old one went out
12. M. New one in at the
same hour - Informed all such
men as Carter, Ingersoll &c. Since
never believe what a Member
of either house tells me in future;
they are too corrupt - too much
tied up and too low to keep their
word. Lained nearly all day.
Called on Gene Jackson -
Fainted so badly I did not go
to the party - Went to bid Linn
good bye. Found she was not
going in the morning.
Went to bed. Slept a little more.

Tuesday March 5th 67.
Attended to Office duty. Gene
gave me the drawing up of a
bill or order assigning the
officers under the Reconstruction
bill. Porter to help me. Fought against
John Pope. - No general or office
news. Called at Knapp's. and
on Miss Rice & Jenkins. - Did not
go out in the evening.

Mrs Baldwin called and was as
impeunous as ever. Health good. Took
a lunch with Linn. ate beans ~~alone~~,
baked and bread and butter.

Wednesday March 6th 1867.
Went to Office as usual. Halcy
Came up with my calls. Very glad
to see him. Called on Ed Wells
with him. Took him up to the
house to see Annie, nice visit.
Presented our draft of the bill order
with corrections to Gen Grant.
He agrees with us. He proposes to
break up the Military Division of
the Pacific. - Halcy dined with
us, a nice time. Mr Hawley
called for us all to go to the Theatre
Ruined all the afternoon and
evening. - Had a splendid time at the
Theatre Francaise. in two plays. David
Coppensfield, as Milder's McCawber.
- splendid. Gen Grant there under
Conestock's care. Met Mrs Long
with them. -

Thursday March 7th 1867.
Office duty as usual.
Attended to Tax matter for the
Gen. I received the order for
promotion is to be by seniority.
Had Halcy & Wells with Bodin to
a little lunch at Barney Harbo's.
Mr Clutz. - Nice letter from Pers Jones.
Wrote to him again.

Called on Halcy. at Millards.
Dined with Mr Choulers met
Mr & Mrs Pruyn. Capt Mrs Patterson.
Had a splendid time. Was one half
hour late - as usual - returned
10 1/2 P.M. Congress indicate their
intentions to adjourn. I
think they will do so.

Friday March 8th 1867.

At the office as usual -
Wrote to Browne & Spaulding,
Blodgett & King. Saw Haley. paid
Parker for March.

Went down as far as Falls - to
walk. Called in at Phelps &
Simmons to get my pencil.
Upton to dine with us. a
pleasant evening - except
misunderstanding. —

Health good —

Saturday March 9th 1867.

At the office as usual -
But little business. Gave with the
President a good while during
the day. wrote to Mr Blodgett.
Went calling with the ladies. a
stupid time. Called on Mrs. Mrs. L.,
Parker, Williams, Mallock, Chandler,
Long, Rivers &c. Attended the
Theatre in the Evening. Took Annie.
a splendid play. Brought home as
Pico-hontas - Reached home about
11. 30. No particular news.
Health pretty good.

Sunday March 10th 1867.
Went to office - Misunderstanding
before I left. Letter from
Foster and Geo Comphell.
Attended Church with Annie.
Arrived when we come out,
and continued until night,
- Dunn dinner with us.
Arrived & I could not
go up to the stable.

Monday March 12th 1867.
Attended to office work as
usual. No news in
particular. Saw Moore the
PM. attended to his papers.
Gave with the President a long
time - He approved of the
order of assignment, except
Sheridan - wanted Sherman
in Sheridan's place -

Read the recommendations for
promotion, ^{in the magazine} had gone in by
seniority - Called on Lincoln and
Scott in the evening - to bid
them good bye.

Beautiful day good prospects
for some woods - on which to
drive. Porter went to lecture
with me. Health good.
Wrote to Taylor & Co Bankers 10 Wall
St N.Y.

Tuesday

Monday March 12th 1867.

At the Office as usual.

Genl told us about the manner in which Mr Johnson talks and acts about the South and the execution of the Military Bill.

The President seems very averse to issuing the order, but consents and issued it today. The order made out also to send Pope to Dep't of Cumberland, a heavy stone to haul about Genl Grant's back. Called on Dodge & Allison. McKeon in to see me - going soon. Called on at the White House to see about the Registry of the Diana and the promotion in the Engineer and Ordnance. Found Blair and I are Majors. Will visit with Long & Rivers. At home during the evening. - Rained during the evening. No news. Health splendid - Received a letter from Mr Campbell.

Wednesday March 13th 1867.

Attended to office duties as usual. But little to do. Order issued for the South. Attended to Tom Wright's Steamer Diana. - Called on Poe, a nice call. Mr Holmes' conduct about the date of commissions - a mean low trick. Suitable for such a man. to do. Went to see Genl's portrait painted by Mr Leonard for Jay Cook. a good painting some defects, too young. too round about the upper head, but fine about the upper lip. - Remained at home during the evening. Rained during the day. Health good. ~~No letters I believe~~ - Letter from Horner and one from W. H. Lodge, - no news. -

Thursday March 14th.

Attended to office work. Went to get my pay & back pay. drew \$574.00 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀.

Called to pay Mr Huntington found him out. Wager told Porter he could make \$500000. if he wanted to on the gun business. Porter did not see it. Not any news. No more confirmations in the Ensign or Standard.

Took lunch at Elitz. Sent an invitation to Mr Hooper McE of Kenosha to dine with us tomorrow.

Decided not to attend the Theatre until tomorrow night.

Health good -

Friday March 15th 67.

Attended to matters as usual. No news. Drew up Circular for Genl. of Northern District. Long talk with Rawlin's good on the talk but mighty poor on the action. I told him he would have hard work when he come to take his proper position. Paid Huntington \$300.00 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ on the St. P. & N. debt. Sent Camp \$100.00 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Check on St. Louis. Received \$5.90000 a coupon on 10. 40 Bond. gave it to Annie. Mr Hooper (Mormon) at dinner with us. Pleasant. Attended the Theatre. Saw the Noel sisters about as poor an entertainment as I have attended.

Thinks as much disquiet as the rest of us. Nice bright day but quite cool. Hooper promised some Beaver skins. I hope he will not forget. Mr Durant in the office in the morning. a pleasant call. - Porter invited to go to W4 with the General, Sam. Glod. but I think Mrs P. should have been invited.

Saturday March 16th 1867.
Ground white with snow. At
the office as usual. No news
except that John Pope has the
place of Thomas in La. Fla & Co.,
and Thomas keeps the smaller
Commercial. I am opposed to
doing it but my opinion goes
for naught. Motor Cars called in
to see me. Mr. Papp brought a letter
from Corrie. An old friend. Took
him out to lunch. And Blount in
yesterday and had a long talk with me.
Bill Hadden in to see us. The same old
Bill. Did not go out in the
evening - so very uncomfortable.
Health good. Annie had several
letters from home & Chicago, - all
well. Annie ~~has~~ come.
Harty or Goodruff informed me
of the fact Coam is making to
get back onto the ^{active} ~~board~~ list. - so I
do not think I shall get my

Sunday March 17th
St. Patrick Day in the morning,
a stormy bad day. For the Saint
Must Office. Received letter
from Annie and father. Had
yesterday sent me his picture,
and wrote a good letter. Annie
good as ever. Attended Church
with Annie - very bad walking.
Elderkin dined with us.
Mr. Henry (Paley) in to see me,
had a long talk with him. He
has not been reconstructed. Is in
business in St. Louis. Walked up
to the stable.

Monday, March 1st 1867.
At the office as usual.
Attended to but little business.
Went with Elderkin to see Mr Henry
a rebel classmate. Had a pleasant
call. Also called on Lewis's friend
Riggs. Pleasant call.

Paul Grant left 6.30 P.M. Took
Mrs Grant & Paul Porter no one
besides. Hope they will have a
nice time. Wrote to Father -
Health good. No confirmation of
Suspense or Ordinance yet.

Remained at home all this
evening - Snow then on the
ground. Elderkin had to go back
to Moscow. He promised me a com.
so I shall wait.

Tuesday, March 2nd 1867.
But little going on at the office.
No mail for me. Riggs called
to see me as did Mr Henry the
caller got \$50⁰⁰ in money.
I tried to get some information
for the former but failed. Walked
up to the stable. Called on my
way back upon Dayton and Fullerton.
No general news. Pope in Ohio,
sick and weather bound.
Went to see Gen Michler but found
him out. Let and wife at
dinner with us. A nice time.
Health good. - Wrote to Porter
and to Harry Wilson.

Wednesday March 20th 67.
Nothing to do at the office.
No mail - for me. wrote
to Porter and to Mr Babcock.
Made some calls. Wrote a
note to Rypps. at Senator Cross
rooms. - Saw Cullum.
Humphries in and said he
had reported to the staff and
his own intention in the
previous documents to recom-
mend for promotion by seniority.
In other words he put himself down
as for selection - Spent the
evening at home. a dull
time. Night good -
Stormy night -

Thursday March 21st.
Synovial storm upon us. a
mean stormy day. Went down to
Gallo. for Annie. Saw Garnett
and a number of his friends.
No news. Letter from Ben Campbell.
all well in Chicago.
Went to see Mr Worthens picture of
Grant. Not as good as I hoped
he would get but by no means
a bad picture of Grant. Rodman
thinks it a daub. I do not agree
with him.

My health good. Spent the
evening at home. Conyners at
work on the Southern bill. Put on at
his old mean tricks. Talked up the
speculation in Cotton (with Garnett.)
No news from W4 people wrote a
note to Porter. and forwarded a
letter. Attended to coal matters.

Friday March 22nd 1867
Stormed all day and as disagreeable as could well be.
I did not go out of the office.
Received letter from Porter.
Dunn. & Hyde.

Gene still in N.Y.
not to return until Saturday night.
Good news from E. on the grain
subject.

Health good spirits bad,
Rumormongers at home all
the evening, spending
some of the time. Letter from
Dr and a professed both
nice.

Saturday March 23rd 67,
Attended office duty as usual,
No news from N.Y. A number
of visitors in to see us.
Capt Esley from Coloma in
to see us. Called on him at
the Hotel. Also made a visit
to Dr. Nelson and had a good
talk. — Rained all day.
No news except the Monitor
Mr. Butler was used up, in
consequence. Wrote a long letter to
Dr. Thompson him for the butter.
Day two took dinner with us.
Had to hurry off. Porter returned
with Gene Emb. no particular
news. Capt Esley spent the
evening with us, very pleasant.

Sunday March 24th 67.
Went to the office. No mail,
for me. Attended Church with
Auntie. Gave not down to the
office in the morning.

Miss Alice Stohl called on
Auntie, notwithstanding the
rain. Auntie had a nice visit.
Capt Esley took dinner with
us pleasant time. a very
nice worthy old gentleman.
Rained nearly all day
and night. Our cellar with
a foot of water in it.

Nearly every cellar in the
town filled with water.
Auntie again appearing on me.

Monday March 25th 1867.
Attended office as usual. No particular
news. Gave in the office. Is to leave
tomorrow with Miss Jenny, on
her way home. Ladies in to see
us. Walked down the Avenue.
Received a letter from Mr. Clemens
Mission Woolen Mills San Francisco.
Says he has sent me a pair of
Hornby Blankets, at the hands of
Sunderlinn & Co. of Cal.
Beautiful sunshiny day. all the
city out of doors. Congress did
not adjourn. House decided to
adjourn from date to date. Morison says
this was to suit the views of Genl
Grant. It may be so. but think it a
deal more to do so. I am afraid the
Genl will go into politics too much.
Robert and I took a walk down the
Avenue in the evening and called
on Hon Sidney Clark U.S. from
Tucson. He also attended the

Metropolitan Hall a few
minutes Health good.

Drew Commutation 126 ⁶⁵/₁₀₀

Tuesday March 26th 1867.
Attended to office duty as
usual. Had a talk with Mr
Gale on Impeachment or the
adjournment question. I think
he makes a mistake to go to the
M.C.'s and say anything for
it identifies him as opposed
to the President — and will
result in trouble, I learned
that W. F. Smith has resigned.
Robt. Cramer a recent West Man,

so I am all right for my
majority after all.

He told Gale what we think of
Mr. Hillen and his course. I
think we made some impression
Ingersoll assigned in M.C. —

Walked up to bid Miss Jennie
good bye, did not see her

She is not going as she expected.
No news except Bingham and
Butter. Bethel Fisher far behind.
Remained at home during the
evening. Comstock come down
to call. Health good —

Wednesday. March 27th.
Attended Office daily as usual.
No news. Note to BAC - also to
Gen Babcock. Telling the latter to
order me some clothes.
Went down town for tickets to the
Theater - Annie and Mrs Porter to
go. Called on Bradford (Wag).
Conger still trying to adjourn,
but two houses not agreeing.
Mr Set Rags called on me
to ask me attend to his case if
I could or can. I promised.
Went to the Theater. Had a
splendid time. Laughed very
heartily. Gave one Mrs Grant
there - Victims Holobrough,
John Owens

Thursday March 28th 1867.
Office as usual. No particular
news. Made a number of letters
Took a long walk as far as
Metropolitan Hotel. Called on Gen
Robinson. Annie's Blanks from
California. Came through the
politicians of Senator Conness.
They are beautiful as anything
I ever saw - Most Bradford Ordway
dined with us. Dr Woodhull
called in on us.
Conger still trying to adjourn.
Health good.

Friday March 29th

Beautiful day, except the extreme wind, and dust. Attended to office duty. I fear McElroy has not been confirmed as the paper stated. Rousseau (L.) nominated a Brig. Gen. in place of Rosecrans, McSherer and Gen Grant consulted on the matter. I hope he will not be confirmed. Took lunch with Gen Emory, Porter, Bidson & Gen Hunter there, a nice temperate lunch - took a long walk down town, Mr Magnin at dinner with us. Porter, Hunter and myself attended the theatre. saw O'Brien again splendid. Gen and Mrs Grant there. House full. Received a letter from Criss. Wrote to Senator Conner thanking him for his blanket.

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Saturday March 30th 1867.

A beautiful but windy day. I attended office as usual. No news. Influence confirmations out and by Kentucky. Comstock defeated in his mean attempt to get the private papers in Bidson's possession. He said he had a book to put them in - Gen Grant at first told Bidson to give them to Comstock. and all our talking he went on till Comstock began all to Bidson a good thing took a walk to City Hall. took dinner a ride, but it was so rough we had but little pleasure - remained at home all the morning Dodge & Allison McE's called in to see us. their visit.

Wrote to J. M. Cameron thanking him for the splendid blanket. Healthy going - a friend of Bidson with us to dine. 4th Canyon adjourned 12 M.

Sunday March 31st & last.
Beautiful warm day. Went to the
Office. My friend Mr. Henry,
sent me a letter but no money yet.
Congress has adjourned. Extra session
of the Senate called by the President,
to act upon appointments and
the Treaty with Russia for the
Russian Possessions of America,
for a sum of \$1,000,000.

Attended Church. Went to Washington,
Went walking twice. Went to the
Observatory, and to the upper part
of the City. Indication of a
rain. Congress to meet in June
and if no quorum present to
adjourn until December.

March went out like a lion,
after so much rain and
mud. Health splendid.

March.

Ed Commutation 126. ⁶⁶ / ₁₀₀ By 222	der on	349.28
Subscriber to Am. Arch.	100.00	
Chuck on Columbus Ohio	100—	
Mess. March 2 nd 120. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	120.00	
Annie 20. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ Lys. Church 112.	21.00	
Paul Meester	90.00	
Mess at Clats 2,75 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ Lunch 2.50.	5.25	
Mess for March 35.00. Annie 20. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ Nat. 3.00	58.00	
Candy & Porter 1 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ Lunch & 3.00. Mess 100. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	104.00	
Local Hand Washing (Mar 14 th)	540. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	
Drew Coupon on 10.40, 5. gold, Huntington 300. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	300.00	5.00
Sent Call 13 p 100.50 Chuck on St. Louis, Gas Feb 2.00	102.50	
Loaned M. W. Henry of St. Louis Mo (606 Nov 5 th St)	50.00	
Annie 5.00 Annie for Annie 1.00, before 10.00	67.50	
Church & Candy, 1.00.	1.00	
March 25. Drew Commutation for March (Theater 4.00)	4.00	126. ⁶⁶ / ₁₀₀
Annie 10. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ Water rent for March 6.00	16.00	
Church & Barber's. 6.00	6.00	
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Annie 60.00		

Jan.

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White Whiteman & Co	55.00		
Pugh	26.00		
Boettler	24.00		
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Glover for Annie	10.00		
Opera	10.90		
Trip to N.Y.	47.00	43.00	4.00
Poor women & man	7.00		
Meat	148.00		
Money	23.00		
James & Wash.	4.00		
Box & Frame	6.75		
Gloves	2.25		
Meat	14.60		
Express	2.00		
Cord & Tread	1.00		
Candle. Church. Car fare. Superior	2.50		
Watch Crystal - 57c. Barber 2-	418/10		419.10

Annie \$45.00

Red 255.00

February.

Commutation for January

Pay.

Butt B. deen.

Mess

Annie

Subscribed to Am. Co.

Pictorial frames & 8.95 - Lining 3.

Express & Spal Ring.

Borrowed of Parker 25. - Amie 20.

Mess.

Sub. D. M. D. G. G. G.

Fig. 75. Church 50. Curtains 7.29. Amie 2000 33.54

Paul Parker 25. Boots 200. Gave 2.25. 50. 75 30.00

From Mobiler Commutation for Feb - 6.00. 10.00 20.00 90.00

Arth - 3. Gave 4.25. Rest 3.50. 75. 75. 10.25 -

Mess, 60 - Amie 10.00 Mess 3.00. Am 10.00 33.50 -

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Balance unaccounted for.

Amie \$55.00.

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My own Brandy ~~At~~ 10.90
Miss 16.10
4.20
20.30

St-Pa Avenue

